Disbarred lawyer seeks high court post

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A Bremerton man disbarred by order of the state Supreme Court in a 2010 decision authored by Justice Debra Stephens is now running against Stephens.

John Scannell filed for office Thursday and will show up on the ballot as John (Zamboni) Scannell. He lost the right to practice law after the Washington State Bar Association said he failed to cooperate with a disciplinary investigation into conflict-of-interest allegations.

Scannell would likely not be able to serve if elected. Judges are required to be lawyers. The bar association said Scannell remains disbarred.

In other Thursday filings, U.S. Rep. Adam Smith faces a challenge from a fellow Democrat, Don Rivers of Seattle. Smith of Bellevue represents a mostly King County district that extends south to Tacoma.

U.S. Rep. Dave Reichert picked up a second Democratic challenger. Keith Arnold of Auburn works for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. He also challenged Reichert two years ago but did not raise money and lost in the primary election.

Arnold filed late Thursday to take on Auburn Republican Reichert and Issaquah Democrat Jason Ritchie in the district that straddles the Cascades and includes East Pierce County.

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